

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The High Power Committee set up under the Chairmanship of the then Prime Minister for suggesting measures to revitalise the KVI sector. The High Power Committee (HPC) in its report submitted in 1994 had made several recommendations including the replacement of rebate scheme for Khadi with the Market Development Assistance (MDA) scheme with an objective to improve marketability of khadi products by allowing them the flexibility in utilisation of Government grant for purposes such as advertisement, consultancy services for new designs etc. in addition to allowing some rebate on sale of khadi. As a large number of representations were received for continuation of rebate scheme, the matter regarding extension of the rebate scheme vis-a-vis introduction of MDA scheme was examined and it was decided to continue the rebate scheme upto 31.3.97. Accordingly, orders to the effect were issued. For the continuance of rebate for the current year (1997-98), matter has been taken up with the Ministry of Finance.

[Translation]

Production of Coal

5489. SHRI SURENDRA YADAV:

SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rate of production of coal per capita per shift has increased in the coal sector in the country during the last year as a result of the efforts of reforms by the Government;

(b) if so, the per capita per shift rate of production of coal in Coal India Ltd. and its other subsidiary units during the year 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97 separately;

(c) the step proposed to be taken by the Government for increasing the per capita per shift rate of production of underground mining and open cast mining and the target fixed for the rate of production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. There has been increase in the overall output per manshift (OMS) of Coal India Limited during last year.

(b) The figures of OMS of Coal India Limited (CIL) and its subsidiaries for opencast (OC) and underground (UG) mines during the year 1994-95, 95-96 and 96-97 are as under:-

Company	(In tonnes)					
	1994-95		1995-96		196-96-97	
	UG	OC	UG	OC	UG	OC
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
ECL	0.43	2.51	0.44	3.31	0.44	3.65
BCCCL	0.50	2.25	0.46	2.37	0.47	2.75

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
CCL	0.45	2.60	0.45	2.55	0.41	2.64
NCL	-	7.68	-	8.14	-	8.60
WCL	0.69	3.58	0.69	3.83	0.70	4.08
SECL	0.84	8.12	0.87	8.90	0.90	9.25
MCL	0.68	12.13	0.69	12.76	0.68	12.82
NEC	0.50	6.58	0.38	4.12	0.37	3.65
CIL	0.56	4.35	0.56	4.75	0.57	5.12

(c) steps taken/proposed to be taken to improve productivity in coal mines are as under:-

i) Mechanisation of Bord and pillar workings by introduction of Load Haul Dumpers (LHD) and Side Discharge Loaders (SDL).

ii) Deployment of higher capacity equipments like draglines, shovels, dumpers and drills in opencast mines.

iii) Improving performance of all equipments including powered support longwall equipment by providing necessary inputs as well as system improvement.

iv) Improved manpower planning including redeployment as well as rationalisation of manpower through Voluntary Retirement Scheme, already in vogue.

v) Introduction of 'all men all jobs' concept wherever feasible.

vi) Improvement in availability and utilisation of equipment by providing necessary workshop support, improved management of spare parts etc.

vii) Improvement in working conditions by providing better ventilation, better lighting and improved communication systems in underground mines.

viii) Improvement in power supply particularly in the coal mines of eastern region through construction of direct feeders to obtain power from DVC and setting up of captive power plants in selected locations.

As per Planning Commission the target of OMS for 1997-98 in respect CIL is 5.40 tonnes for opencast and 0.60 tonnes for underground mines.

Sick Small Scale Industries

5490. SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA:

SHRI SUDHIR GIRI:

DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of sick small scale industrial units are increasing;